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Radio Las Americas LLC
1232 E. 2nd St.
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Re: Radio Las Americas LLC
KMUS(AM), Sperry, OK
Facility Identification Number: 25129
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 13, 2020, on behalf of Radio Las Americas ("RLA"). RLA requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KMUS(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ Specifically, KMUS(AM) requests STA to operate with the station's licensed nighttime facilities full time.

In support of the request, RLA states that the KMUS(AM) transmitter experienced major component failures. The station is not currently able to operate in both modes and power levels. Therefore, an STA is requested to operate KMUS(AM) full time with the licensed nighttime facilities, until the necessary repairs can be made.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED and BLSTA-20200504AAE IS SUPERSEDED. Station KMUS(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Specifically, the station may operate daytime and nighttime with the station's currently licensed nighttime directional antenna pattern and power of 0.25 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KMUS(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² KMUS(AM) must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **November 15, 2020**.

¹ KMUS(AM) is licensed for operation on 1380 kHz with a daytime power of 7 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.25 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Kathleen Victory, Esq. (via email only)